

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Chris Roerig and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members Absent: None.

Public Comment: Andy Marks introduced himself and stated he is running for District Judge. Jeanne VanZoeren representing Friends of the Blue Star Trail asked the Board to consider a resolution in support of a bike trail from South Haven to Holland at the next regular meeting. Dayle Harrison submitted a written viewpoint critical of the recent tax tribunal settlement with McClendon. Doug Gritter asked the Board to work towards a settlement on the pending lawsuits brought by McClendon. Fritz Royce stated it seems the township is in a procedural nightmare and asked to set aside the tax tribunal settlement. Hearing no further public comment that portion of the meeting was closed.

Approval of Agenda: Wright presented additional bills received. Hearing no further changes, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

A. Accounts Payable

- i. ALLEGAN CO ROAD COMM through VAN DRAGT LAND IMPRVMT
Total to be paid \$72,852.78
- ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)

B. Payroll (check register attached)

C. Approval of Minutes

- i. August 4, 2010 Regular Board Meeting
- ii. August 8, 2010 Special Board Meeting

Motion by Wright seconded by Knikelbine to approve the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

None.

Unfinished Business:

A. Proposed Resolution Concerning Critical Dune Extension. Wester read an email from the Township Attorney recommending the agenda item remain tabled. **Motion by Wester seconded by Hanson to table the issue until the next regular meeting.** Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- A. Fireworks Fund Contribution. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wright to approve a \$500 contribution for 2010 fireworks.** Motion carried unanimously.

- B. ZBA Alternate Appointment. Wester stated Herb Bills has submitted a letter of interest. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Knikelbine to appoint Herb Bills as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.** Carried unanimously.
- C. Zoning Administrator Request for Educational Expense Reimbursement. Board questioned the educational expense to establish if this is a zoning related or building inspector education. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Hanson to table the request until clarification is given.** Carried unanimously.
- D. Proposed Legal Representation Policy. Roerig presented and stated this is not a legal document but rather a policy for structure and process. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Hanson to adopt the Legal Representation Policy as submitted.** Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson stated they discussed a proposed par 3 golf course, passed an R4 zoning amendment to allow for docks, and held a public hearing on wind energy.
- B. Road Commission. No Report.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine stated they approved a contract for a new 32' bus and ridership was up 10.9%.
- D. Fire Authority. No Report.
- E. Supervisor's Report. No Report.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. No Report.

Public comment was offered. Comments were heard from Dayle Harrison, Pat Foster, RJ Peterson, Fritz Royce, Marcia Perry, Dana Magida, Sheldon Wettack, Doug Gritter, Judith Schneider, and David Swan. Hearing no further comments, public comment was closed.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

Date